

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 533

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Haiwen "Sophie" Guan,
2003 Valedictorian of Hendersonville Christian
Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Haiwen "Sophie" Guan is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2003 graduating class at Hendersonville Christian Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Sophie Guan has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Guan moved halfway across the world, leaving the comforts of home and family to seek a superior education; and

WHEREAS, born in Shanghai, China, Sophie moved to the United States as a teenager; first attending Winfield High School in West Virginia, she entered Hendersonville Christian Academy in 2002; and

WHEREAS, hosted by Derek and Angie Hodnett and their children, Kyle, Abbey, and Caleb, Ms. Guan enjoyed a nurturing home away from home, enabling her to focus on her studies and manifest her extraordinary academic potential, earning an exemplary grade point average and even placing first in a statewide Algebra competition; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Guan, a confident and kind young woman, is highly respected by her peers, who voted her Homecoming Queen; and

WHEREAS, while in Tennessee, Ms. Guan has become active in the Bible Baptist Church of Hendersonville; and

WHEREAS, Sophie Guan's display of intellectual aptitude, independence, and perseverance surely bodes well for her future success, particularly as she pursues a career in international business by entering the University of Buffalo in the fall; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guan's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Xuntian Guan and Wazhen Chen, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Guan's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2003 Hendersonville Christian Academy Valedictorian, Haiwen "Sophie" Guan, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.